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E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, MPOL, OCON, CI  
SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR A MEETING OF POLOFFS AND DATTS TO DISCUSS  
POLMIL SITUATION IN SUBREGION

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1. AMBASSADOR BLOOMFIELD'S SUGGESTION FOR A MEETING OF WORKING  
LEVEL POLITICAL AND MILITARY OFFICERS AT OUR EMBASSIES IN THE  
SUBREGION IS AN ATTRACTIVE ONE. UNDOUBTEDLY SUCH A MEETING WOULD  
ACCOMPLISH A GREAT DEAL IN IMPROVING COORDINATION AND  
INCREASING UNDERSTANDING OF EVENTS AND SENTIMENTS IN THE COUNTRIES  
CONCERNED.

2. THE PROBLEM I HAVE WITH THE PROPOSAL, HOWEVER, IS THAT IT  
WOULD ROIL THE "WAR THREAT" WATERS WHICH ARE ONLY NOW  
BEGINNING TO CALM DOWN. BECAUSE OF VISAS, TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS,  
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ETC., IT WOULD PROBABLY BE IMPOSSIBLE TO KEEP SO LARGE A MEETING  
SECRET. THE VERY FACT THAT THE USG FELT COMPELLED TO HOLD SUCH  
A CONCLAVE WOULD REVIVE PRESS AND OFFICIAL SPECULATION AND GIVE  
RENEWED WEIGHT TO RECENT SENSATIONAL REPORTS.

3. PERHPAS THE BEST COURSE WOULD BE TO PREPARE AN UPDATED WASHINGTON  
ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION AND TO CIRCULATE IT FOR COMMENT.

IF IT IS THEN FELT THAT A FURTHER EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BY FIELD  
PERSONNEL WILL BE NEEDED, THE PROPOSED MEETING COULD BE HELD  
-- AFTER THE CURRENT FLURRY HAS DIED DOWN.  
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